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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Mishina, et al.  
SERIAL NO.: 09/786,309 GROUP: 1635  
FILED: June 6, 2001 EXAMINER: Nguyen, L  
FOR: HIGHLY EFFICIENT MUTAGENESIS METHOD WITH THE USE OF PSORALEN DERIVATIVES

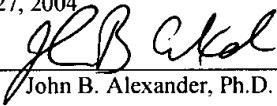
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AMENDMENT

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated October 27, 2003 and request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.